

MONDAY 2.24.25 - Matthew 9:37-38

What a joy it is to join in evangelism. But many Christians hold back and claim that proclaiming is not something that they are good at and deem it to be a duty of others. They prefer to let their actions and behavior be a demonstration of their faith to others. Elsewhere Scripture teaches us that we are all ministers and have a duty to share what God has done in our lives. Here we read that the fields, our communities and culture, are ripe for harvest. Harvest could be ready for repentance and turning to God, just like when Jesus preached in all the cities. If we share what God is doing in our lives, God Himself, through the Spirit of God, reaches the hearts of listeners around us. He brings a harvest of repentance if we just share Him. He is the Lord of the Harvest and we are the laborers.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 2.25.25 - Acts 13:47

Acts 13:47, For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

If you attend Shiloh, you have heard the plan of salvation. You know it is not based on any good works you have done or will do. It is all about what Christ did for you. Unfortunately, many believers feel that this is a license to live a life relatively unchanged by Christ. In Romans 6 vs 1-2, the apostle Paul tell us, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ²Far from it! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" Have you accepted Jesus as your savior but never really committed to living your life for Him. If so, you are missing out on the true blessing of the Christian life and you are missing opportunities to share Christ with others. As people look at you are they seeing Christ alive in you and realizing that is something they want in their own lives?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 2.26.25 - John 18:1-11

Following the celebration of the Passover with His apostles, Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives—a ridge east of the city of Jerusalem. Three vital facts surround this event.

First, Jesus demonstrates control. Even though He hasn't slept that evening, and He is fatigued, Jesus never loses His composure or relinquishes His authority.

Second, Jesus demonstrates calmness. He doesn't resist the Roman or Jewish soldiers that have come to take Him. His captors are totally unprepared for this. They are expecting Jesus to respond by fight or flight. At earlier times in His ministry, Jesus' enemies had been unable to seize Him. However, now that His time had come, Jesus willingly gives Himself up. He does not resist.

Third, Jesus demonstrates compassion. He shows care and concern both for His apostles, insisting on their safety, and for the high priest's servant, restoring his detached ear.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 2.27.25 - Isaiah 45:23-24

²³ *By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.*

²⁴ *They will say of me, 'In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength.' All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.*

There is no higher authority or power by which God can swear, so he swears by Himself. It is a promise that cannot be altered or broken. Its certainty is repeated in Philippians 2:10-11. Those who rage against Him will ultimately be brought to shame and submit, too late. We live in a world where we foolishly strive for power and control. This verse is a reminder that regardless of our individual paths, choices, or beliefs; everyone will one day acknowledge God's sovereignty.

Why not do that today? Most of us have lived long enough to realize we are not in control. Yielding to Christ allows us to find peace and purpose in understanding we are part of His divine plan. There we find comfort, deliverance and the strength needed to face the uncertainties life can bring. The one certainty in this life is that God is in control.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 2.28.25 - Psalm 2

Psalm 2 is a Messianic Psalm which divides easily into four parts with different voices speaking. First the Narrator speaks and describes the hatred of human nature against Christ, God's Anointed One. Next, the Father speaks and we find He laughs at such foolishness and rebukes the nations as He confirms setting His Son as King! We then hear the Son's voice confirming the words of His Father giving Him rule over the nations and complete Sovereignty in His universe. The final voice is that of the Spirit who comes with a warning to the nations. What does this last tender, loving and gentle voice call on rebellious human beings to do? To "be wise", to "be warned", to "serve the Lord with fear", to 'rejoice with trembling.'" But, chiefly, they are to "kiss the Son" in grateful, loving submission. (Boice, 1999)

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **SPRING QUARTER** - begins March 2nd.

LOCATION: B8-10 - Lane Kemler- begins March 2nd.
EXPLORE THE BIBLE - 1,2 Peter & Jude - These books were written primarily to address suffering caused by persecution and to combat false teachings.

LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins March 2nd.
BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE - part 1
All Signs Point to Jesus - The Gospel of John points to many signs that highlight who Jesus is, and as we look at these signs you will be drawn to a renewed awe and worship of Jesus Christ.

LOCATION: B1&2 - Chris Domenico - Begins March 2nd.
EVERYDAY EVANGELISM
Pursuing Hearts, Not Arguments - This six-week study will equip you with practical, effective ways to share the gospel. The way to do that is by engaging others with love, respect, and truth.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

WINTER E2 SMALL GROUPS

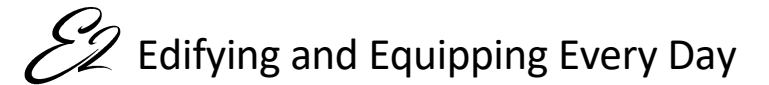
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Join us for 11 weeks of food, fellowship, and Bible Study! Titled End Times & Spiritual Warfare. Began January 15th; meal at 6:00pm and Study begins at 7:00pm.

REVELATION - WOMENS STUDY: Join us for a 10-week Women's Bible Study following Jen Wilkin's book, *"Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom"*. In this study you will become confident, assured, and inspired by the teachings in Revelation. Thursday Mornings at 9:00am in room B8-10 Starting February 20th.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES, USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

Quarterly Missions Speaker Garrett Lowe BCM International

From Generation to Generation Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23 Parable of the Soils



TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



February 24 - February 28

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Quarterly Missions Speaker, Garrett Lowe, Vice President of Personnel, BCM International shared the message "From Generation to Generation" on February 23rd. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on March 2nd, "The Night They Arrested God", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12